



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A clip for mounting on a bucket and for holding a paint brush,
2 having a ferrule of ferromagnetic material; the bucket including: a wall enclosing an
interior space for containing paint; the wall including an upper rim and an outer face; said
4 clip including:
a spine; including:
6 a first end;
a second end; and
8 a middle portion between said first and second ends;
a first end prong attached to said first end of said spine and extending downward,
10 a second end prong attached to said second end of said spine and extending
downward, and
12 a center prong attached to said middle portion of said spine and extending
downward, for insertion into the interior space of the bucket; said center prong including:
14 magnet means for holding the ferrule of the brush; including:
a magnet; and
16 a ferromagnetic housing for said magnet; including:
a plurality of horizontal ridges extending beyond
18 said magnet for contacting the ferrule of the paint brush; said housing being attached to
said center prong and said magnet being attached to said housing.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) The clip of claim 1, said clip further including:

2 a handle attached to said middle portion and extending radially outward from the
upper rim of the wall of bucket when said clip is mounted upon the upper rim of the wall
4 of the bucket, such that said handle does not interfere with access to the interior space of
the bucket.

4. (original) The clip of claim 1, said clip being of resilient plastic with the exception of
2 said magnet means.

5. (cancelled)

6. A clip for mounting on a bucket and for holding a paint brush, having a ferrule of
2 ferromagnetic material; the bucket including: a wall enclosing an interior space for
containing paint; the wall including an upper rim and an outer face; said clip including:

4 a body; including:

 a flat central portion; and

6 an upper spine portion;

 a first prong; including:

8 an attached end attached to said body;

 a free end; and

10 a contact portion for contacting the outer face of the wall of the
bucket;

12 a second prong; including:
an attached end attached to said body;
14 a free end; and
a contact portion for contacting the outer face of the wall of the
16 bucket; and
magnet means for holding the ferrule of the brush; including:
18 a magnet; and
a ferromagnetic housing for said magnet; including:
20 a plurality of horizontal ridges extending beyond said magnet for
contacting the ferrule of the paint brush; said housing being attached to said flat central
22 portion and said magnet being attached to said housing; said first and said second prongs
being spaced apart on opposite sides of said flat central portion; and said clip being
24 adapted to mount securely upon the upper rim of the wall of the bucket with said free
ends of said first and second prongs disposed outside the bucket and said contact portions
26 of each said prong pressing against the outside face of the wall of the bucket; and said flat
central portion and said magnet means disposed within the interior space of the bucket.

7. (original) The clip of claim 6, further including:

2 a handle attached to said upper spine portion for grasping said clip.

8. (original) The clip of claim 7; said handle extending radially outward from the upper
2 rim of the wall of the bucket when said clip is mounted upon the upper rim, such that said
handle does not interfere with access to the interior space of the bucket.

9. (cancelled)

10. (original) The clip of claim 6, said clip being of resilient plastic with the exception of
2 said magnet.

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (original) The clip of claim 6, each said contact portion including:
2 a generally planar contact face; each said contact face inclined at a slight angle
from being parallel to said flat central portion so as to adapt each said contact face for
4 contact with the outer face of a generally cylindrical bucket.

2 14. (currently amended) In combination:

a bucket; including:

4 a wall enclosing an interior space for containing paint; including:

an exterior surface; and

6 an upper rim;

a paint brush; including:

8 bristles;

a handle; and

10 a ferrule for attaching said bristles to said handle; including:
a horizontal ridge; and
12 a paint brush holder; including:
a body; including:
14 a flat central portion; and
an upper spine portion;
16 a first prong; including:
an attached end attached to said body;
18 a free end; and
a contact portion for contacting said outer face of said wall of said
20 bucket;
a second prong; including:
22 an attached end attached to said body;
a free end; and
24 a contact portion for contacting said outer face of said wall of said
bucket; and
26 magnet means for holding said ferrule of said brush; including:
a magnet; and
28 a ferromagnetic housing for said magnet; including:
a plurality of horizontal ridges extending beyond said
30 magnet for contacting the ferrule of the paint brush; said housing being attached to said
flat central portion and said magnet being attached to said housing;

32 said first and said second prongs being spaced apart on opposite sides of said flat central
portion; and said clip being adapted to mount securely upon said upper rim of said wall of
34 said bucket with said free ends of said first and second prongs disposed outside said
bucket and said contact portions of each said prong pressing against said outside face of
36 said wall of said bucket; and said flat central portion and said magnet means disposed
within said interior space of the bucket.

15. (original) The combination of claim 13, said paint brush holder further including:

2 a handle attached to said body for grasping said paint brush holder.

16. (original) The combination of claim 14; said handle extending radially outward from

2 said upper rim of said wall of said bucket when said clip is mounted upon said upper rim,
such that said handle does not interfere with access to said interior space of said bucket.

17. (cancelled)

18. (new) A clip for mounting on a bucket and for holding a paint brush having a ferrule

2 of ferromagnetic material; the bucket including: a wall enclosing an interior space for
containing paint; the wall including an upper rim and an outer face; said clip including:

4 a body of resilient plastic; including:

a flat central portion;

6 an upper spine portion; and

a handle attached to said upper spine portion and extending laterally,

8 radially outward from the upper rim of the wall of the bucket when said clip is mounted

on the bucket such that said handle does not interfere with access to the interior space of
10 the bucket

a first prong; including:

12 an attached end attached to said body;

a free end; and

14 a contact portion for contacting the outer face of the wall of the
bucket;

16 a second prong; including:

an attached end attached to said body;

18 a free end; and

a contact portion for contacting the outer face of the wall of the
20 bucket; and

magnet means for holding the ferrule of the brush; comprising:

22 a ceramic magnet; and

a housing for said ceramic magnet including:

24 a plurality of ridges extending beyond said ceramic magnet for
contacting the ferrule of the paint brush; said housing being of a ferromagnetic material;
26 said housing being attached to said flat central portion and said ceramic magnet being
attached to said housing; and said first and said second prongs being spaced apart on
28 opposite sides of said flat central portion; and said clip being adapted to mount securely
upon the upper rim of the wall of the bucket with said free ends of said first and second
30 prongs disposed outside the bucket and said contact portions of each said prong pressing

against the outside face of the wall of the bucket; and said flat central portion and said

32 magnet means disposed within the interior space of the bucket.